Custom duty on drugs

939. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cusoms duty has been reduced on certain drug intermediates/penultimates on the recommendations of his Ministry;

(b) if so, names of those penultimates and intermediates alongwith the names of bulk drugs for the production of which each is being used;

(c) whether it is a fact that number of companies are producing most of these bulk drugs from basic stages;

(d) names of the companies licensed to produce these bulk drugs alongwith licensed capacity and stage of manufacture;

(e) what was the production of these drugs during the last three years, yearwise;

(f) what were the basis and considerations on which these drug penultimates and intermediates were identified for concessional custom duty;

(g) whether his Ministry appointed a committee for identification; and

(h) if so, the names of its members and when the committee submitted its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a), (b) and (f) With a view to rationalising the customs duty on bulk drugs and the inputs and drug intermediates, Government has recently exempted 36 drug intermediates which are exclusively required for production of bulk drugs from countervailing duty. Names of these drug intermediates alongwith names of bulk drugs concerned are given in the attached statement. (*See* below).

(c), (d) and (e) The required details are not readily available. Time and efforts required for collection of the information will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(g) No, Sir.

(h) Does not arise.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Intermediate	Name of the Bulk Drug for the manufacture of which the intermediate is used
1	2	3
1	3:4:5 Trimethexybenzoic acid . . .	Trimethoprim
2	Gallic Acid.	Trimethoprim
3	Tara powder	Trimethoprim
4	N-methyl piperazine	Diethyl Carbamazine Citrate
5	Parahydroxyphenyl Glycin Base. . . .	Amoxycillin
6	Dimethylamine ethyl chloride Hcl. . .	Chlorpheniramine Maleate
7	Valporic Acid	Sodium Valporate
8	Levalinic Acid	Calcium Levulinate
9	Diphenylmethane	Diphenhydramine Hcl.
10	3:4 diamino benzophenol	Mebendazole

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11	Betahydroxy Ethyl Hydrazine	Terbutaline Sulphate
12	Hexamethyl dichlorosilane	Ampicillin
13	Ethyl Sulphonal Ethanol	Tinidazole
14	Ethyl Thioethanol	Tinidazole
15	Hydroxylamine Sulphate	Sulphamethoxazole
16	Diethyl Oxalate	Sulphamethoxazole
17	Propiophenol	Dextropropoxyphene Hcl.
18	Amino Uracil	Theophylline
19	Dimethyl Urea	Aminophylline/Theophylline
20	Dimethoxyphenyl Acetonitrile	Verapamil Hcl.
21	Ibrom-3-chlore Propane	Verapamil Hcl.
22	Dimethyl ethyl (1-methyl butyl) Malonate	Theopentone Sodium
23	Theophene 2-Aldehyde	Pyrental Pamcate
24	1,2, demethyl, 4,5,6 Tetrahydro Pyrimidine	Pyrental Pamoate
25	3-Amino, Propanol	Panthenols
26	C-nitrobenzyldehyde	Nif-edopine
27	M-Chloro-aneline-di-Sulphonamide	Hydrochlorthiazide
28	5-Amino-crotic Acid	Dipyridamole
29	2,6 Dichloro-4-8-dipiperidine Pyrimide (5, 4-alpha) Pyridrine	Dipyridamole
30	4-hydroxy acetophenol	Atenolol
31	1-(4-carbamoylmethyl)-phenoxy-2, 3 Epoxypropne	Atenolol
32	4-Hydroxy phenyl acetamide	Atenolol
33	Benzaldehyde	Chloramphenicol Powder
34	Bis-Methyl Silyl Urea	7-ADCA
35	Paracetic Acid	7-ADCA
36	Nitro, 2, Furfuraldehyde diacetate	Turbutaline Sulphate

Supreme Court judgement on drug prices

940. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recent Supreme Court judgement on the drug prices;

(b) the names of the drugs alongwith the prices which have been uphold by the Supreme Court;

(c) what is the price being charged for each drug alongwith the name of the drug company;

(d) whether it is a fact that the drug companies gave undertaking to High Courts to pay the difference in case the judgement is passed in favour of Government;

(e) if so, what are the details of the undertaking;